

Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg, US 2003/0085808 A1 in view of Hochstein et al, U.S. 5,543,797.

The undersigned respectfully suggests that the Goldberg patent is not relevant to the client's invention as it requires the mobile tracking device to be inserted into a reader and/or have a specific number dialed in order to relay information regarding the location and progress of the mobile device throughout the airport. Therefore, the onus is on the passenger to obtain any updates themselves as opposed to being automatically provided with the information.

We also believe that the rejection of the claims in view of Hochstein can be overcome as it appears to function in the reverse manner to our client's invention. The Hochstein transponder is adapted to transmit data signals for a pre-defined time that can be received by a base station and sent to the central controller. In this application, the mobile unit is adapted to listen and receive signals from the base stations and send a message to one of the base stations which is connected to the central controller once a new signal is heard and/or an old one is lost.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the application is respectfully requested. Applicant has made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicant believes that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

Please charge the three month extension of time fee any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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